

Church of St. Sebastian
December 30, 2012 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, December 29, Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Peggy Corrigan

-requested by Carol and Vincent Ferraioli

Monday, December 31, The Seventh Day Within the Octave of Christmas

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Vigil of The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

~~~Holiday Schedule~~~New Year's Day~~~

9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mass

First Friday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

7:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 5, Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm Anna Hoey Smith, 2nd anniversary
 -requested by Joan Soper

Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Edmund Pomon, Anastasia Beaupre, Adam Ringguth, Denise Walker, Beverly DiLello, Kathy McCaughey, Deborah Bessette, Beatrice Calvo Crozier, James Shanni, Vilma O'Connor, Mariella, Amy, and Mrs. Beaudoin.

Please contact the rectory if you would like to add a person to our prayers.

The Pastor's Corner

The Christmas season can at times appear to be chronologically erratic. We are still within the Octave of Christmas, yet now we find the child twelve years old with Mary and Joseph looking frantically for him in Jerusalem. The tragic events in Newtown presented a version of frantic parents looking for their children. Twenty families now bear the unthinkable...not finding their child alive after a senseless shooting in an elementary school. These are most sobering thoughts during this season of Christmas trees, festive lights, and angelic messages. My prayer is that we ever cherish our children and assist them as they "advance in wisdom, age, and favor before God."

St. John wrote some amazing reflections that are used during this holy octave. My favorite is what was read the second day after Christmas, "*What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of Life... (which) we proclaim now to you*" (1 John 1:1-3 *passim*). Is there anything more precious for us than to know that we have received what the Apostle John himself found and experienced with the Jesus, the Christ?

The search of Mary and Joseph for Jesus is symbolic of our own search for Him. Many desired to find the child in the Christmas story. Herod searched for the child, but only to kill Him. Shepherds and Magi found him because they sought Him with humility and awe. The three Magi will arrive at our outdoor Christmas crèche this week. So, now it's our turn to seek and to find him in our families. A family provides two things to their children: *roots and wings!* Roots, so that they know they are loved; and wings, so that their children go out into the world confident in faith that God is always their companion. These are two great gifts at Christmas for all the children of God.

Enjoy this Christmas Season

~Monsignor Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

12/16/2012

# of Budget Envelopes Used	103 of 326
Contributions-Budgets/Checks	\$ 8,929
Loose Contributions	\$ 596
End of Year Gift	\$ 0
Total Offertory	\$ 9,525

Church of St. Sebastian

December 30, 2012 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st, Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 1st, Mass at 9:00 am

ADVENT HAT AND MITTEN TREE

You are invited to decorate the trees in the vestibule with Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarves for women, men and children through January 1st. All proceeds will be distributed to the homeless by Crossroads RI. Thanks for your generous spirit and kindness.

THANK YOU AT CHRISTMAS

My thanks and appreciation for your cards, greetings, gifts, and support as your pastor at this Christmas Season. You are remembered in my daily Mass and prayers all throughout this holy season. God bless and keep you.

~Msgr. Darcy



KUDOS TO THE MR. COOPER AND THE CHOIR

Thank you, Bill Cooper, Marie and Lori our cantors, our small but enthusiastic choir comprised of volunteer parishioners, and our visiting instrumentalists who prepare so well for our Christmas Masses. We thank for your dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the parish.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	12/30	NO Religious Education	
Mon.	12/31	NO Religious Education	
		Vigil Mass: The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	5:30 pm
Tues.	1/1	Mass: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	9:00 am
Fri.	1/4	First Friday Mass	7:00 am 5:30 pm

AROUND THE PARISH

THE YEAR OF FAITH

~~~Save the Date~~~

Our next adult education session is on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Topic: *Catholic End of Life Issues*



Father Christopher Mahar is a Roman Catholic priest from the Diocese of Providence. He earned his Bachelor in Sacred Theology from the Pontificia *Universita Gregoriana* in Rome in 2003. Fr. Mahar was instrumental in the development of end-of-life guidelines for the diocese and helped to create a Catholic Health Care Directive which is used throughout the State of Rhode Island. In 2008 he was appointed Vice Rector of the American College of the Immaculate Conception in Leuven, Belgium, and in 2010 he completed a Sacred Theology License in Theological Ethics from the *Katholieke Universiteit* Leuven. In July 2012 Bishop Thomas Tobin appointed him Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, while continuing as a PhD candidate at K. U. Leuven. His presentation on end of life issues is entitled: *"The Right to End Life ...It's Just Wrong!"*

SPONSORED BY THE RI CHAPTER ORDER OF MALTA.

**First Friday Mass** will be celebrated this Friday, January 4th at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.

### Annual Potluck Supper—January 19th, 2013

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to a Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 19th at 6:00 pm. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

### ST. SEBASTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel.

**"An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life":** The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the "Annual Respect Life Mass" on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Prior to the Mass, there will be a procession with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Broad Street Women's Clinic for a peaceful and prayerful vigil at 8:00 a.m. The Image will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information, directions and to R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.